

Call for Papers: Women's Suffrage and Political Activism

A conference to commemorate the Centenary of the 1918 Reform Act

Saturday February 3rd 2018, Murray Edwards College, Cambridge



For many British and Irish suffragists the vote was essential to obtaining justice for working women, peace and wider social reform. Yet in practice, working relationships between suffragists, peace activists and socialists were often troubled. This conference explores the ideas, strategies and controversies relating to the women's movement in the years leading up to the 1918 Reform Act and its aftermath. We welcome contributions on individual suffragists and suffrage groups in Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales. We invite abstracts on attitudes to women's suffrage in the labour movement, women's peace initiatives during the First World War, and initiatives in support of equal franchise and feminist reforms from 1918-28. Papers should demonstrate new research, and awareness of the complexity of the relationship between working-class women, suffragists, social reformers and the organised labour movement.

Please send panel proposals (up to 500 words) or individual paper abstracts (up to 250 words) by 30th October to suffrage@hist.cam.ac.uk. Ph. D students should give their dissertation title, and the name and e-mail address of their supervisor. The conference is held in collaboration the Labour History Research Unit at Anglia Ruskin University, and the University of Cambridge University Library.

Confirmed Speakers include Sheila Rowbotham, Jill Liddington and Elizabeth Crawford

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